



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE**

October 16, 2000

**H.R. 5164
Transportation Recall Enhancement, Accountability, and
Documentation (TREAD) Act**

As cleared by the Congress on October 11, 2000

H.R. 5164 would establish new criminal penalties and increase existing civil penalties for violating certain motor vehicle safety laws.

These provisions would affect direct spending and receipts (revenues). The act would increase maximum civil penalties for violating certain motor vehicle safety laws. H.R. 5164 also would establish criminal penalties for deliberately providing misleading documentation to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration about motor vehicle and motor vehicle products that cause death or serious injury.

Collections from civil and criminal penalties are recorded in the budget as governmental receipts. These provisions could result in an increase in governmental receipts, but CBO estimates that any such changes would be less than \$500,000 a year. The receipts derived from criminal penalties would be deposited in the Crime Victims Fund and spent in subsequent years. Because any increase in direct spending would equal the criminal penalties collected (with a lag of one year or more), the additional direct spending also would be insignificant.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is James O'Keeffe. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.